cultivation, there are a good many people willing to take it up for cultivation and also build houses on the old village sites. The petitions presented to this effect during the last four or five years have had no effect. This question may therefore be considered.

Dewan.—When I went to Holalkere, I received a petition. It has been referred to the Conservator of Forests. It is under his scrutiny. The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 251.

Conversion of the Harihar Sub-Taluk into a Taluk.

Mr. Santaveerappa, Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa.— Harihar was once the head quarters of a taluk which was abolished in the year 1874. As it is an important Railway Station, a place of pilgrimage, and also a big town bordering on British Territory, its reconstitution into a taluk is a matter of pressing necessity. As the abolition of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk is under contemplation of Government, the conversion of Harihar into a taluk may be easily effected by the regrouping of the taluks of the Shimoga District and retransferring to Harihar the villages bordering on Honnali and Davangere Taluks which formerly belonged to it. By its reconstitution into a *pucca* taluk, the town of Harihar is sure to grow in importance and prosperity.

Dewan :—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 252.

Continuance of payment of annual maintenance charges to Harihar water works by the District Board.

Mr. Santaveerappa, Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa.—In connection with the maintenance of the Harihar town water supply scheme, the Chitaldrug District Board were contributing Rs. 1,625 annually. They have now resolved to discontinue the payment of the same. The Harihar town municipality is too poor to find funds for the maintenance of water works solely by itself. The municipality is not in a position to borrow from Government for the purpose as it is not able to repay the debt. As the engine, boiler and other apparatus of Harihar town water supply project have not been in working order owing to wear and tear, water is now being supplied to the town through the pumping plant of Davangere town water supply scheme. The Davangere municipality have notified to the effect that they cannot afford to supply water to the Harihar town through their plants any further. As the town of Harihar is likely to suffer much for want of supply of water, Government may be pleased to order the continuance of the contribution of the annual maintenance charges of Rs. 1,625 by the District Board to the Harihar Municipality. The present condition of the water supply project and the help required for its continuance have been brought to the notice of the Second Member of Council during his recent tour to Harihar.

Dewan :—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 253.

The holding of elementary classes in the A.-V. School at Harihar both in the morning and afternoon.

Mr. Santaveerappa, Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa :—The compulsory education scheme is in force in the town of Harihar. Under the scheme, if parents fail to send their boys to school they will be liable to punishment. Having this restriction in view it is surprising to learn that the elementary classes for boys are held only in the morning for the last ten months. On enquiry as to why the classes are not held in the afternoon as well, it was intimated by the educational authorities that for want of room in the A.-V. School

building, the classes are held in the morning. But when a suitable building was placed at their disposal the same authorities, shifting their ground, are saying that as the scheme is only being tried as an exprimental measure the present arrangement of holding schools only in the morning cannot be changed for some time. It is needless to state that no useful purpose can be served by imparting education to children only for a couple of hours in the morning. It is prayed that the holding of the classes both in the morning and afternoon should be ordered.

Inspector-General of Education.—The accommodation for school in Harihar is extremely inadequate. Consequently some primary classes had to be held in the mornings. Now it is learnt that a new building is available for rent. Necessary arrangements will be made.

SUBJECT No. 254.

Grant of local allowance to Government officials at Davangere.

Mr. Basavannappa, Davangere Taluk.

Mr. Basavannappa.—Officials getting a low rate of salary are finding it difficult to maintain themselves at Davangere, the house rent payable being somewhat high. Some allowance which was sanctioned for these officials sometime ago has been discontinued now. Some local allowance may be sanctioned to the officials whose pay is less than Rs. 50.

Dewan.—Under the retrenchment scheme, this allowance has been ordered to be discontinued.

SUBJECT No. 255.

Construction of an over-bridge on the railway line at Davangere.

Mr. M. Chennabasappa, Davangere Municipality.

Mr. Chennabasappa.—The town has been extended to the south of the railway line where bungalows and factories have sprung up. The female dispensary is also located temporarily in the *musafirkhana* which is also on the other side of the railway line. It is very inconvenient to the people going to the extension to cross the railway line. The construction of an over bridge may therefore be ordered early.

First Member of Council.—Can the Municipality contribute anything towards this?

Mr. Channabasappa.—Government have to bear the cost.

Dewan.—A reference may be made to the Municipal Council and if a resolution is sent by them, it will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 256.

Construction of a new building for the Hindustani School at Davangere.

Mr. Murigappa, Davangere Municipality.

Mr. Murigappa.—There are 110 boys in the Hindustani School at Davangere. As the existing building is quite insufficient, a new building may be constructed early. If this is not possible, a rented building may be provided.

Dewan.—I inspected this school during my recent tour. What is said is true and the Inspector-General of Education will note this subject.

Inspector General of Education.—I recently inspected this School. I have also seen another building proposed for locating the school in a more spacious place and I will look into the matter.